

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun. Oct. 21-** Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:45 Mk 10:35-45 or MK 10:42-45

**Mon. Oct. 22 -** Eph 2:1-10 PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 Mt 5:3 LK 12:13-21

**Tues. Oct. 23 -** Eph 2:12-22 pS 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 21:36 Lk 12:35-38

**Wed. Oct. 24 -** Eph 3:2-12 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 24:42a, 44 Lk 12:39-48

**Thurs. Oct. 25 -** Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Phil 3:8-9 Lk 12:49-53

**Fri. Oct. 26 -** Eph 4:1-6 PS 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 See Mt 11:25 Lk 12:54-59

**Sat. Oct. 27 -** Eph 4:7-16 pS 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 EZ 33:11 Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH

- 1st wk. \* Choir & Ushers
- 2nd wk. \* Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. \* Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. \* Youth
- 5th wk. \* ALL Parishioners

WEEKLY MASS

**Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. Oct. 22, NO MASS  
Novena 6:00 pm

Tues. Oct. 23, 8:00 am  
Novena 6:00 pm

Wed. Oct. 24, 8:00 am  
Novena 6:00 pm

Thurs. Oct. 25, 8:00 am  
Novena 6:00 pm

Fri. Oct. 26, 8:00 am  
Novena 6:00 pm

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 8:00 am  
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. Mass

**Gospel Extravaganza 6:00 pm**

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

**Meeting for ALL COORDINATORS will be held every 4th Thursday of each month**

**Activities - Brushelle Scott**

**Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray**

**Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley**

**Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory\***  
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

**Environmental - Ina Chavis**

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard**

**Finance - Janice Semien\***  
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Fund Raiser - Walter Davis**

**Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis**

**Lectors - Peggy Green**

**Life Center - Adam Jacobs**

**Plumbing - Joe Fontenot**

**Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis**

**Music Director - George Alexander\***  
choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**Pastoral Council - Richard Scott**  
meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Religious Education - Sonja Popillion**

**Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary\*** Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

**Youth - Felicia Richard**

**Stewardship- Gary Mims**

Attendance

Saturday: 39 Sunday: 52

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 45.00
bld rental	\$ 250.00
Mileage reimbrs	\$ 844.75
Loose	\$ 38.00
Saturday	\$ 470.00
Sunday	\$1,416.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,063.75**

October Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to:

Andre Robertson	2
Clayona Pillette	3
John Judge	4
Ann Richard	5
Fredrick Green	6
Janice Semien	8
Rick Orebo	10
Rachel Gobert	16
Justin Jackson	16
Jaquez Turner	18
Johnathan Hampton	18
Shelia James	23
Troy Hayes	23
Craig Orebo	26
Mary Ware	26

Happy Anniversary

George & Mary Alexander	30th
Paul & Zena Thibodeaux	

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis

Sun: Veronica Bradford, Fred Green, Emmanuel Taylor & Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Eva Platt  
2nd Rdr.: Leo Jackson

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Tina Kindle  
2nd Rdr.: Dorothy Broussard

1st reader = greeting & responsorial  
2nd reader = prayer of faithful & announcements

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed  
Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Expenses:

service contract <\$ 41.82>  
Admin <\$ 331.40>  
Special collections <\$ 474.36>  
Accountants <\$ 540.75>  
Diocese of bmt <\$ 1954.53 >  
Phones <\$ 165.83 >  
Social event 142.46>

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

“To sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give.”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
NO Saturday 8:00 a.m. on Funeral day's

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

SECRETARY

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Service

Service jobs don't pay very well. The service sector is not very highly regarded. Nonetheless, Christians have always favored service. Jesus thought highly of service and servants. He was one. He wants us to follow him.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16    GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]**

## Comment

The first and second readings balance each other and give us some kind of equilibrium and strength to continue in our journey as disciples. The first words announced to us today are nothing short of frightening: "The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity." God pleased? People crushed? What are we to make of this? The inscrutable ways of the earth and of creatures sometimes require much of the exiled people (God's beloved people) to whom Isaiah spoke. God seems to allow the suffering of the innocent to go on and on, with intervention or relief.

This first reading is part of a prophecy that looks unblinkingly on the suffering of the innocent one. Isaiah boldly and insightfully says that through (not after) this suffering many will be saved. This insight continues in the second reading. When our idea of suffering and our idea of God are in collision, our idea of God may need to change. God does not ride serenely in the heavens above it all, but suffers in the innocent one. This last, innocent suffering one is the one to whom we can look for help in our time of need.

The sons of Zebedee were all for the triumph and cared not a whit for the difficulties—the inevitable suffering. Jesus was remarkably calm and patient when he gave James and John his full attention. Jesus inquired about their assessment of courage under fire. Together they assured Jesus that they would stand up to whatever adversity they might have to face in following him on their way to the coveted thrones at the right and left.

Jesus assured them that there would be enough adversity to go around, but he was not sure about the final rewards. We have here a candid disclosure from Jesus. We tend to assign him the qualities of God, which rob him of his human qualities. He corrects this. He identifies with his disciples, even these overzealous two. He doesn't know God's future plans, and they don't either. They will share his journey; they will share his reward, but the reward is not his to give. That is the Father's doing.

## Reflection

The narrative broadens to include the indignant disciples who were clearly annoyed at this grab for power by James and John. Jesus is not going to follow the familiar ranking order. He will not be a mighty one who wrests power from the weak and then uses it against the vanquished, just so they remember they are overruled and feel the heel of the ruler's boot.

For Jesus, the mark of greatness is service. The leader, ruler, throne-dweller, is the one who has no throne. The leader is the one who serves, and in the end, who gives his life up for the others—his whole life. James and John and the rest of the disciples did not quite count on Jesus' answer being this all-consuming. There are new norms in the kingdom Jesus promises, and these norms turn upside-down everything that society believes to be important. The rich are not powerful. The strong are not superior. The greatest people of Jesus' kingdom are the ones who serve others. This service is completely from the heart and it is a loving act. The servant comes with no hope of recompense, for Jesus made it clear that the servant will be rewarded abundantly in his kingdom. The other disciples were as unclear as James and John about this new kingdom, but they certainly had a sense that it would be different from the sort of rule they knew. In reality, that's about all we know, too. There was a trust the other disciples had, and we must trust as well.

### *Friends & Family Weekend "We 'ye Come this far by faith"*

The weekend will begin with the Extravaganza be held Saturday, October 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm. Our fellowship meal and, family day will begin Sunday 12 noon, Certainly, we'd love to have you share Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. There will be time for reflections, questions and answers on our "Catholic Faith as African Americans," Dr. Cynthia Jackson, St. Mary's Catholic School principal will be our guest speaker for that musical extravaganza evening. In addition to our Event, we will begin with a 9 day Novena of St. Therese the Little Flower. The Novena begins on October 18, 2018 thru the 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the Church, ending with benediction. We will be celebrating our Parish, Feast of St. Therese. If you have any questions please contact Freda Guillory at 409-886-1768 or call the **parish office at 883-3783.**

### *PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND*

Mary Brown  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Florence Craig  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Mary Gray  
Beatrice Guillory  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
John Richard, Sr.  
Mormon Richard  
Alma C Thibodeaux



### *PRAY FOR THE SICK*

James Arceneaux  
George Davis  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John King  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odum  
Clayona Pilette  
Herman Richard  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mark Thibodeaux  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### *MIRACLES THAT WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THERESE*

Therese became a saint in the hearts of the people. A person is declared venerable when there is evidence of extraordinary holiness and inspiration of others. It means that cause of their canonization is being pursued. The first miracle was Sister Louise of St. Germain, was cured of the stomach ulcers she had between 1913 & 1916. Another miracle involved Charles Anne, a 23 year old seminarian who was dying from advanced pulmonary tuberculosis. The night he thought he was dying, Charles prayed to Therese. Afterward the doctor testified, "The destroyed and ravaged lungs had been replaced by new lungs, carrying out their normal functions and about to revive the entire organism. In 1925 two cures had been invested and judged to be supernatural. Gabrielle Trimusi was healed of arthritis of the knee and tubercular lesions on the vertebrae. Maria Pellemans was healed from pulmonary tuberculosis which had spread, as Therese illness had to the intestines. After visiting Therese grave, Maria the doctor testified was transformed. After a long struggle with tuberculosis, Therese died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of my life, "My God, I love you." On May 17, 1925, Therese was officially declared a Saint by Pope Pius XI

### *Bishop Faith Appeal* **Goal : \$17,310    Paid: \$15,130.**

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life which empowers us to share what we have. Thank you for your contribution to BFA, a commitment of people helping people. Please let's continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus. In Philippians 4:13 we read: I can do all things through Christ whom strengthens me. Thank you for your commitment as we look forward to the continued growth of our parish

### *St. Therese's Feast Celebration* Sunday, October 28, 2018

- 8:50 a.m. Procession the church grounds. While the song, " We've Come This Far By Faith," is being sung,
- 9:00 a.m. Enter the church with the picture of St. Therese and place it on the easel. Individuals will place their rose in the vase in front of St. Therese's picture. Then the service will proceed as usual.
- 10:00 a.m. A short history of St. Therese Catholic Church will be presented.

Thank you Cecilia

**There will be a memory Mass for all our deceased parishioners this Friday, the 2nd of Nov. by 8am and 6pm. Please, send names and a stipend of \$5 for each names is recommended by the diocese.**

### *NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER*

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**